

REMARKS

This responds to the Office action dated October 4, 2010. Claims 1-42 are in the application. Claims 1, 26, and 42 are in independent form. Reconsideration is requested.

Applicants take this opportunity to amend the application. Each of independent claims 1, 26, and 42 have been amended to further clarify the subject matter of the claims. Elements from several dependent claims have also been included in the independent claims to facilitate allowance. No new claims are added.

In the Office action, the Examiner restricted the above-identified patent application and required Applicants to elect one species for examination from each of the following groups:

Group I:

Species A – the species of the subject matter dealing with the output device being an audio device of claim 4.

Species B – the species of the subject matter dealing with the output device being a projector device of claim 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 28, 41.

Species C – the species of the subject matter dealing with the output device being a printer device of claim claims 16, 23 and 33.

Group II:

Species F – the species of the subject matter dealing with the output controller being included within the device of claim 38

Species G – the species of the subject matter dealing with the output controller being separate from the device of claim 39

The Examiner noted that each of independent claims 1, 26, and 42 are generic to the species.

With regard to Species B, Applicants note that claim 19 recites a “television” and a television can be a projector device or an other type of display device. Furthermore, claim 20 recites “a display device or a projection device”. Therefore, Applicants suggest a correction to species B to read as follows:

“Species B – the species of the subject matter dealing with the output device being a projector device or a display device of claim 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 28, 41”.

Elections of Species

With regard to Group I, Applicants elect with traverse Species B (claims 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 28, and 41).

With regard to Group II, Applicants elect without traverse Species F (claim 38) of Group II.

Applicants note that claims 21, 22, 24, 28, and 41 classified by the Examiner as Species B do not specifically recite “a projector device” or “a display device”. Applicants suggest that claim 21, 22, 24, 28, and 41 be classified as generic instead of Species B to reflect more closely the subject matter recited in those claims. Applicants further note that because the Applicants have elected Species B; therefore, independent of whether claim 21, 22, 24, 28, 41 are classified as generic or as Species B, those claims (21, 22, 24, 28, 41) are to be examined.

The Examiner also requires identification of the claims that encompass the elected species.

With regard to Group I, Applicants have elected Species B (at least claims 19 and 20) of Group I with traverse for the reasons stated above. Applicants submit that independent claims 1, 26, and 42 are generic as noted by the Examiner. In addition, Applicants submit that dependent claims 2, 3, 5-15, 17-18, 21-22, 24-25, 27-32, 24-32, 34-37, and 40-41 are also generic in that they are not restricted to one of the identified species. Upon allowance of any of the generic claims from which the claims directed to the non-elected species depend, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of the claims directed to the non-elected species. In Group I, this includes claim 4 (species A) and claims 16, 23 and 33 (Species C), which relate to the subject matter of the non-elected species.

With regard to Group II, Applicants have elected Species F (claim 38) without traverse. Applicants submit that independent claims 1, 26, and 42 are generic as noted by the Examiner. In addition, Applicants submit that dependent claims 2, 3, 5-15, 17-18, 21-22, 24-25, 27-32, 24-32, 34-37, and 40-41 are also generic to the elected species. Upon allowance of any of the generic claims from which the claims directed to the non-elected species depend, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of the claims directed to the non-elected species. In Group II, this includes claim 39 (Species G), which relates to the subject matter of the non-elected species.

Based on the two elections made, Applicants submit that claims 4, 16, 23, 33, and 39 are to be withdrawn from consideration, and claims 1-3, 5-15, 17-22, 24-32, 34-38, and 40-42 are to be examined.

The Timing of Applicants' Response

The Office Action was mailed on October 4, 2010. A one-month initial time period for responding without having to pay a time-extension fee ends on November 4, 2010. Applicants are submitting this response within the one month initial time period. Accordingly, Applicants believe no extension fee is due at this time. In the event that additional fees are due, the Commissioner of Patents is authorized to charge any additional required fees associated with this amendment to Deposit Account 11-1540.

CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 224-6655 or the Applicant William Chang at (503)-381-7056 if it appears that an additional interview would be helpful in advancing the case. A revocation and power of attorney are expected to be filed shortly after filing this response.

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